May 2, 1928.

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin P. Collier,
Hext, Texas.

My dear Cousins:

I have yours of April 26th, and you will please pardon me for not replying earlier and letting you know that we received the gift you sent us; and we very much appreciated your thoughtfulness. Your letter is on my desk for reply, but I have been crowded for time and away from home so much during the past two weeks that I just simply deferred every letter possible.

Durward has also been packing and moving over to Athens, Georgia. In other words, he is maintaining two homes, one at Athens and one at Barnesville, as he was elected President of the Southern Manufacturing Company at Athens last January. We purchased a very substantial interest in this mill, and have in it about 700 employees. We also own the Eatonton Cotton Mills, Eatonton, Georgia; but have sold our mills at Barnesville and Macon, Georgia.

I am coming to Texas this Spring, but cannot say just what time, and I will do my best to come down and see you.

With love and good wishes from all of us, I beg to remain

Yours sincerely,

JCC:S